



April 2018

Dear parent/carer,

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Spring break.

The summer term for Year 6 is a busy one with National Curriculum tests (SATs), our residential trip, end of term production and secondary transfer. We will do our best as a team to ensure that all pupils feel prepared and relaxed for the busy weeks ahead.

As always, high standards are expected in all areas, as we continue to embrace and embed our school values of respect, responsibility and friendship. We want every child to develop and maintain high self-esteem. School uniform and attendance are important aspects of gaining a sense of commitment and pride, and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are punctual, correctly dressed and equipped for school.

National Curriculum tests (SATs)

The National Curriculum tests begin on Monday 14 May and continue throughout that week. It is extremely important that your child is **present** for the tests. Children will be tested in both English and Maths. For preparation lessons and examinations, it is vital that your child has the following equipment:

- **two HB pencils**
- **two black handwriting pens**
- **30cm ruler (with cm and mm)**
- **protractor**
- **eraser**
- **pencil sharpener**
- **clear pencil case/plastic wallet for storage of these**

Please check carefully with your child that they have all of these items. If you are available during the week beginning Monday 14 May to help administer the tests, please read the attached reply slip and return the slip to school as soon as possible. It is a busy time for the Year 6 team and any help is greatly appreciated.

National Curriculum tests timetable

Day	Test
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Tuesday 15 May	English reading assessment
Wednesday 16 May	Maths paper 1 arithmetic test and Maths paper 2 reasoning
Thursday 17 May	Maths paper 3 reasoning
Friday 18 May	No tests

Every morning during the National Curriculum tests week, there will be a free breakfast club from 8.30–8.55am. This is a fantastic way for your child to relax with friends before the tests. They can come along each morning for toast, fruit and juice. The breakfast club is held in the dining room and pupils must enter through the dining room doors.

Summer Term Topic

This term we will be moving on to a new topic, 'Early Islamic Civilisation'.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- about characteristics of past non-European societies
- how to understand historical concepts such as continuity and change
- about achievements of past societies which have influenced modern life

In Music and Drama, we'll be:

- writing, rehearsing and performing an end of Year 6 production for pupils and parents (more details to follow)

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- how to use watercolours effectively
- about styles of Islamic art

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- about global foods
- how to make dishes from around the world

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of these themes, please take it.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 28 June (Friday 29 June reserve day). Further details will follow.

You will receive your child's annual report in July with their National Curriculum and teacher assessment results. It will be followed by an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher.

At the end of the term, we will be celebrating your child's achievements during their time at Thomas Coram. There will be more information to follow in due course.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Phelan & Mrs Forbes (6AP)

Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Thomson
(6BT)

Mrs Winfrow & Mrs Tebby
(6WT)



Offer of help to administer the National Curriculum tests (SATs)

The National Curriculum tests (SATs) are fast approaching for our Year 6 pupils and we are writing to ask for volunteers to help individual pupils with their tests during the week commencing Monday 14 May. As a volunteer, you will work alongside Mr Phelan to ensure that children are prompted when they need it.

If you can offer assistance at any of the times listed, we would be most grateful. Please fill in the form below or reply by email to admin@thomascoram.herts.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your help.

Name.....

Child's name..... Class.....

I can help with the Year 6 National Curriculum tests on the following days (please tick as applicable)

Monday 14 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tuesday 15 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wednesday 16 May	8.45am – 10.10am	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.30am – 11.40am <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 17 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note that we endeavour to start the tests at 9.00am.

Signed.....